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COUNTY AND PARTNERS HOST HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

During 2003, DES, in cooperation with the Eastman Kodak Company, safely disposed of 241 tons of hazardous material.

Monroe County Executive Maggie Brooks announced that the county's Department of Environmental Services (DES) and the towns of Chili, Gates and Wheatland and the villages of Riga and Scottsville have joined forces to hold an **appointment-only** Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection at the Gates Highway Garage, 475 Trabold Road, on Saturday, September 18, 2004 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

Most HHW (paint, flammables and other chemicals from home-use) is safe when used and stored properly. When they become unwanted and are disposed of improperly, these household wastes can become environmental hazards.

"This collection gives residents the opportunity to dispose of potentially hazardous chemicals in a safe manner, and keeps usable items out of the landfills," said Brooks. "This program is another example of how the County is working with our towns and villages to meet the needs of residents."

To ensure safety and reduce waiting times, **appointments are required** at all HHW collections. **Appointments for this HHW collection will be accepted until September 17th.** To schedule an appointment residents should call the Town of Gates Highway Garage at 247-2911. **Waste from businesses will not be accepted.**

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Up to 30 gallons of the following materials will be accepted per appointment at no charge:

- Oil-based & Latex Paint (for ¼-gallon or less of **latex** paint: discard lid, add kitty litter, let dry, place can in trash)
- Wood Stain & Preservatives
- Automotive Fluids (antifreeze; brake, power steering and transmission fluids)
- Pesticides & Fertilizers
- Flammable Products (gasoline, kerosene, thinners, strippers, solvents)
- Household Cleaners (liquid soaps & waxes, drain cleaners, etc.)
- Driveway Sealer
- Pool & Photo Chemicals
- Rechargeable (Ni-Cad) & Button Batteries
- Mercury (thermometers, thermostats)
- Syringes/Sharps (safely packaged)

Do Not Bring: Propane tanks (permanent HHW facility ONLY), used motor oil & vehicle batteries (contact service station or retailer); cans with dried paint (if it rattles when shaken – remove lid and place in trash); empty containers (trash or recycle); everyday alkaline batteries (trash); glazing/spackle & joint compounds (trash).

If residents are unable to take advantage of this mobile HHW collection, the county's permanent collection facility is open (by appointment only) weekly. For more information, or for business waste disposal options, call DES at 760-7600 (option 3), or go on-line at www.monroecounty.gov

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